सरकारी कार्यालयों का ग्वालियर भेजा जाना

1422. **श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी :** क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार के कुछ कार्यालयों को ग्वालियर भेजने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में कब तक अंतिम निर्णय लिए जाने की आशा है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह) : जी, नहीं ।

1423. (*Transferred to the 24th November, 1987.*)

Installation of Statue of Mahatma Gandhi

1424. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision was taken some time back to instal a statue of Mahatma Gandhi near the historic India Gate in Delhi; and

(b) if so, who has been entrusted with the job of sculpturing of the statue by when it is likely to be installed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) The work of fabrication of the statue has been entrusted to Shri Ram V. Sutar, Sculptor. The statue is likely to be installed by January, 1989.

Rise in prices of essential commodities

1425. SHRI J P GOYAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 7 and Unstarred Question 28 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th November, 1987 and state:

(a) when the meeting of the manufacturers, wholesale dealers and traders were convened or containment of prices of essential commodities;

(b) the extent to which price rise has been checked and the prices brought down to a particular level as a result of measures taken by Government to check price rise; and

(c) whether there is any machinery to check in the market the price trend and report to the Government and if so, what are the details in this regard and the salient features of the report submitted by the said machinery to the Government and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Nine meetings with the representatives of trade and industry were held for containing rise in prices and improvement in availability of essential commodities

(b) The prices of some commodities like vanaspati, maida, soaps (some brands), packet tea (some brands) have been reduced.

(c) The prices of essential commodities are monitored at various levels by the Central and the State Govts. On the basis of monitoring of prices and availability at various levels, appropriate remedial actions are taken as and when considered necessary.

Raids on hoarders and black marketeers

1426 SHRI J P GOYAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any raids were con-